Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 05 Nov 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 06 Nov 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 05 Nov 2020 at 03:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for rather cloudy with patchy rain in west and north through to mid-Friday, medium for the cloud cover across eastern ranges, then more generally medium for the rainfall detail from Saturday, with increasing chance of showers.

Headline for Thursday 05 Nov 2020: Low cloud retreating to the coast by day. Strong winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 05 Nov 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG				FOG	FOG
Fog	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability					
60%	10%	<05%	10%	20%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 05 Nov 2020

Weather: A cloudy start, particularly in the west. Cloud will tend to break up through the morning giving increasing sunny spells, although some low cloud persisting along the west coast. Cloud thickening late evening and extending inland, perhaps some light drizzle along the west coast.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50-60% near the west coast, cloud bases around 400-500m, although tops occasionally above the cloud. 80-90% further inland with summits largely cloud free. Falling to 10% or less in the evening with extensive cloud above 400m.

Visibility: Very good outside of any patchy low cloud in the west. Falling to poor in the evening as low cloud spreads east.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	38/44 W	42/49 SW	31/39 SW	34/44 SW	35/43 SW	35/43 SW	33/41 SW
900	32/38 W	38/45 SW	29/37 SW	33/42 SW	32/41 SW	32/41 SW	30/39 SW
600	22/27 SW	25/32 SW	21/30 SW	23/33 SW	23/32 SW	23/32 SW	22/30 SW
300	2/27 W	11/34 W	9/28 SW	11/31 SW	7/29 SW	7/29 SW	7/28 SW
Glen	7/17 W	7/18 W	10/20 SW	10/21 SW	8/19 SW	8/20 SW	8/19 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/-2	4/-4	3/-4	3/-5	3/-4	3/-4	3/-3
900	6/-0	5/-2	4/-2	4/-3	4/-3	4/-3	4/-2
600	8/3	6/1	6/2	6/1	6/1	6/1	6/1
300	9/8	8/6	9/7	8/6	8/6	8/6	8/6
Glen	11/9	10/9	11/9	11/8	10/8	10/8	10/8
Freezing Level*	2000m	2300m	2600m	2200m	2000m	2300m	2600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Winds across the summits likely to be around 50-55mph at times through the day.

Forecast for Friday 06 Nov 2020

Weather: Cloudy in the west, some patchy light drizzle and quite extensive hill fog, while peaks around the northern end of the Great Glen see the best of the shelter and limited brighter spells. Gradually conditions improving from the south from late afternoon and through the evening with clouds lifting and breaking bringing a dry and clear end to the day.

Maximum wind: Beginning southwest 20-25mph with gusts reaching 40-45mph across most exposed ridges and summits, easing a touch late morning and early afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Initially ranging from 20% or less in west and north and 60% towards the northern end of the Great Glen, with bases quite extensive from 450-600m, and broken from 700-1000m respectively. Becoming during the evening 90% for all as bases lift and break from south.

Visibility: Good lowering to a handful of kilometres in rain, less in hill fog and drizzle.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius increasing 11 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 2-4 Celsius
Freezing level: Above all summits, lowering 1100m late evening

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